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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present application, please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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2. (Twice amended) A communication network for the
transmission of data within and between one or more remote data
processing subsystems, at least one intermediate data collecting
subsystem and at least one central subsystem forming a tiered
architecture wherein each said at least one central data processing
subsystem communicate with a corresponding some of said at least
one data collecting subsystem and each of said at least one data
collecting subsystem communicate with a corresponding some of said